

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2004
1 p.m.
Volunteer Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The following directors were present:

Andy Anderson	Frank Brehm	Norm Holmes	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair	

Directors Kerry Cochran and Steve Habeck were unable to attend.

Visitors present:

Tom Carter	David Epling	Rick Edwards	Greg Elems
Chris Skow			

Staff present:

Alan Turner, Legal Counsel	John Walker, Museum Manager
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Correspondence

President McClure reported receipt of a licensing agreement from the UP which he is working on. He acknowledged receipt of a letter from the American Parkinson's Disease organization in Reno requesting donation of an RAL for their fundraiser. He reported receipt of a letter and \$500 donation from the San Francisco Cable Car Museum for the Zephyr Project and work on the Cable Car Lounge in the Silver Hostel. This is their second such donation.

Truckee Railroad Regulators 501 has provided reimbursement for expenses incurred during our participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2003.

Director McClure reported receipt of notification of two payroll pledges: One from Kerry Cochran through PG&E and a second from Jay Jacobs through Microsoft (Zephyr Project). She also announced receipt of a \$1,000 donation from an anonymous donor who expressed that he was a great admirer of the work done by the Society.

Both President and Director McClure thanked the donors for their generous gifts.

BREAK (review of Financial reports): 1:09 p.m. - 1:13 p.m.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2004.
2. Financial Reports – Balance sheet as of March 5, 2004.

Motion # 04-03-01 -- Approval of Consent Calendar as presented. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Budget Change

Director Vicknair requested a temporary shift of funds from his available budget to facilitate completion of scheduled ADA walkway work. Alan Turner advised that a revised budget should be circulated once there has been a change to the adopted budget.

Motion # 04-03-02 – Shift of \$7,000 from budget line item 70005 – Fencing to 70005 – ADA Access. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

SP 0-6-0 1215

President McClure advised that he did not have the completed contract regarding the proposed sale of SP 0-6-0 1215. The Santa Clara Trolley and Rail Corporation, with whom the proposed sale is to take place, would like to make a public announcement regarding same.

Director Monger questioned if the individuals who donated to the restricted fund for the restoration of SP 1215 had been contacted regarding their donations. President McClure reported he, Director Holmes and Director Brehm were working on contact and the donors would be given a choice of return of their donation or placement toward another project.

Motion # 04-03-03 – Approve sale of SP 1215 for the amount of \$40,000 to Santa Clara Trolley and Rail Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of a contract to be approved by legal counsel. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded Director Vicknair. All Directors voted in favor with the exception of Director Monger who abstained. Motion carried.

Historic Equipment Availability

Director Monger reported he had been contacted by Jeff Moreau regarding two SP steel cupola cabooses and three 50' PFE refers. He provided a brief description of the equipment. The owners are reportedly looking at donating them to a "good home". The information regarding these items was referred to the A&D Committee.

Closed Session

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:40 p.m. Alan Turner reported the Board discussed five items of a confidential nature with consensus direction given but no reportable action taken.

Old Business

CZ Excursion 2004

Chris Skow presented a report on the excursion including detail on ticket sales, advertising, publicity, and equipment line up/availability. While the tickets have not sold out at this time, there is reason to believe it may by the time the trip runs. There was also discussion regarding if the train will be able to be put on display for the public which continues to be worked on.

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President's Report

President McClure presented to the Board the original boiler pressure steam gauge from the WP 165 previously reported as donated to the Museum. He further reported that SP 2873 has returned to the Museum from Sierra Pacific Industries.

Director's Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

Department Reports

Museum Manager – John Walker reported that the weather remains cold with continued periods of snow/rain which has taken its toll on the facilities. Director Stiles and Doug Morgan have worked on clean up of the Operations office and tool rooms. General clean up and organization of the shop facilities continue. These efforts should help increase efficiency. He also reported some vandalism issues with respect to locomotive equipment including WP 707.

Mr. Walker also reported that he understood Ron Whitcomb, the gentleman who did a good deal of the museum's sign work, passed away. The Board wished to express their condolences to his family for their loss.

He presented ideas for local business advertising in The Train Sheet as well as a proposed RAL advertisement.

Operations Department – Written report presented on behalf of Director Cochran.

Facilities Manager – Director Vicknair reported that he has had many people helping with the Silver Debris remodel project. He has met with the contractor for the ADA walkways scheduled to start work fourth week of April.

Publications – Director Brehm thanked Director Stiles for his article submitted for The Train Sheet. He advised the Board he would extend the deadline for submission for 3-4 days beyond the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Election Committee – Written report presented on behalf of Ed Wagner.

Safety Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Legal Counsel Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Status of Surplus Property Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Other

Director Stiles reported that he had spoken with Charlie Walthers who provides classes/training at the Coast Guard Maritime Academy on maintenance of EMD locomotive engines. He offered a free enrollment for Director Stiles in his capacity at CMO. There will be expenses for lodging and meals.

Director Stiles also advised he was aware of three sets of wheel sets with traction motors available for sale at \$3,000 each set. He advised the Board that this was a good price, although not a great one. The tread on the wheels is substantial and the traction motors do appear to be in good condition/serviceable. There was consensus direction by the Board to explore the opportunity without a commitment to purchase.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Next meeting: Saturday, April 3, 2004
Location: PRM Volunteer Lounge
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted
Gail A. McClure

March 2004 Board Meeting

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions – Motion 04-03-01

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2004.

Financial Reports – Approval of reports as of March 5, 2004.

2. Motions

Motion 04-03-02.. Facilities Budget Change

Shift of \$7,000 from budget line item 70005 – Fencing to 70005 – ADA Access. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Anderson. . All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-03-03.. Southern Pacific 0-6-0 1215 Sale

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Actions and Notices

- Several items of SP and PFE equipment referred to A&D Committee.
- President McClure presented to the Board the original boiler pressure steam gauge from the WP 165 previously reported as donated to the Museum.
- SP 2873 has returned from the Quincy Railroad.
- Crew Training weekend is scheduled for 05/01-02/04.
- Work is progressing on Silver Debris Lounge and Phase 1 Walkways.

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Next Board Meeting
Saturday, April 3, 2004 – 1 PM
PRM Volunteer Lounge
Portola, CA

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

March 29, 2004